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OFFICE OF INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT  
NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Licensee: Public Service Electric and Gas Company  
Salem Nuclear Generating Station Unit No. 1  
Docket No. 50-272

Subject: PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$20,000

This is to inform the Commission that a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars will be issued on or about March 24, 1983 to Public Service Electric and Gas Company. This action is based on one Severity Level III violation concerning the inoperability of the containment gaseous, particulate, and iodine radiation monitor. This inoperable condition was due to a capped suction line resulting in a loss of automatic purge and pressure vacuum relief isolation capability.

It should be noted that the licensee has not been specifically informed of the enforcement action. The Regional Administrator has been authorized by the Director of the Office of Inspection and Enforcement to sign this action. The schedule of issuance and notification is:

Mailing of Notice March 24, 1983  
Telephone Notification of Licensee March 24, 1983

A news release has been prepared and will be issued about the time the licensee receives the Notice. The State of New Jersey will be notified.

The licensee has thirty days from the date of the Notice in which to respond. Following NRC evaluation of the response, the civil penalty may be remitted, mitigated, or imposed by Order.

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